

BIRD NOTES.

A large number of nests have been found this year. Three pairs of chaffinches have built in the garden—one in the fork of the laburnum tree on the drive, another in the hedge on the way to the kitchen garden, and the prettiest of all close by, between the branch of an apple tree and the wall. This was an exceptionally pretty structure, made of wool very closely set, into which moss and lichens of various colours were deftly woven. The outside was cleverly decorated with bits of lichen and bark imitating the tree. The whole was ornamented by a few spider's webs. Inside, the wool was even more closely felted than outside, and this was covered with hairs amongst which were a few feathers. The eggs were five in number, and were streaked and spotted with purplish-brown.

A pair of willow-warblers built at the end of the Terrace. The nest was cunningly hid amongst some ivy; indeed, so exactly did the top resemble its surroundings that we should never have discovered the nest had we not watched the little bird carrying grass in its mouth. In about a month seven tiny eggs were in the nest. Three days after we found shells broken in a peculiar way, as if some animal had sucked the eggs.

We have also found the nests of a spotted fly-catcher, a blue-tit, a golden-crested wren, several hedge-sparrows, a jenny-wren, a robin, as well as those of the thrush and the black-bird.

A little earlier in the year the songs of birds were heard all day long. The garden-warbler rippled on like a brook from three in the morning till quite late at night. How curious it is that, although the thrush, the black-bird, the chaffinch, the willow-warbler all sing at once, there never is a discord. We seldom hear our gifted songsters now, for they are all too busy educating their offspring.

A SURREY FLOWER LIST FOR MAY AND EARLY JUNE.

ACERACEÆ.

- Acer campestre*, maple
- Acer pseudo platanus*, sycamore

CRUCIFERÆ.

- Alliaria officinalis*, garlic mustard
- Capsella bursa pastoris*, shepherd's purse
- Cardamine hirsuta*, hairy bitter-cress
- Cardamine pratensis*, ladies' smock (cuckoo flower)
- Nasturtium officinale*, common watercress
- Sysymbrium officinale*, hedge mustard
- Brassica campestris*, field mustard

ARACEÆ.

- Arum maculatum*, cuckoo pint

COMPOSITÆ.

- Bellis perennis*, common daisy
- Senecio vulgaris*, groundsel
- Sonchus oleraceus*, sow thistle
- Leontodon taraxacum*, dandelion
- Hieracium pilosella*, mouse-eared hawkweed
- Hypo-chœris radicata*, cat's ear
- Crepis ierens*, smooth crepis
- Hieracium umbellatum*, umbellatæ hawkweed
- Erigeron acris*, blue flea bane
- Matricaria chamomilla*, fever few
- Matricaria inodora*, scentless May-weed

AMENTACEÆ.

- Betula alba*, common birch
- Castanea*, horse chestnut

CYPERACEÆ.

- Carex praecox*, vernal carex
- „ *pendula*, pendulous carex
- „ *cæpitosa*, tufted carex
- Eriophorum polystadum*, cotton grass
- Carix stellata*, star carix
- Carex caespitosa*, tufted carix

UMBELLIFERÆ.

- Chærophylum sylvestre, wild chervil
 Sanicula europæa, wood sanicle
 Scandix pricox, Venus comb or shepherd's needle
 Bunium (conopodium), pignut
 Ægopodium podagraria, gout-weed
 Chærophylum anthriscus, burr chervil

GMNOSPERM.

- Equisetum arvense, horse-tail

GERANIACEÆ.

- Erodium cicutarium, common stork's bill
 Geranium Robertianum, herb Robert

LABIATÆ.

- Lamium album, white dead nettle
 „ galeobdolon, yellow archangel
 „ purpurium, red dead nettle
 Nepeta glechoma, ground ivy

PLANTAGINACEÆ.

- Plantago lanceolata, ribwort plantain
 „ coronopus, Buch's horn planiain

ROSACEÆ.

- Fragaria vesca, strawberry
 Potentilla verna, spring potentil
 Prunus padus, bird cherry
 „ spinosa, sloe
 Pyrus malus, crab apple
 Cratægus oxyacantha, hawthorn
 Prunus avium, wild cherry
 Potentilla anserina, silver weed
 Poterium sanguisorba, salad burnet
 Geum urbanum, yellow avens

OLEACEÆ.

- Fraxinus excelsior, ash

JUNCACEÆ.

- Luzula pilosa, woodrush (chimney sweeps)

BORAGINACEÆ.

- Myosotis arvensis, field forget-me-not
 Lycopsis arvensis, small bugloss
 Lithospermum arvense, corn gromwell

POLYGALACEÆ.

- Polygala vulgaris, milkwort

PRIMULACEÆ.

- Primula veris, cowslip

RANUNCULACEÆ.

- Ranunculus bulbosus, bulbous buttercup
 „ repens, creeping buttercup
 „ acris, meadow buttercup
 „ hirsuta, pale hairy buttercup
 „ aquatilis, water buttercup

SCROPHULARIACEÆ.

- Veronica chamædrys, Germander speedwell
 „ officinalis, common veronica
 Pedicularis palustris, red rattle
 Scrophularia nodosa, knitted fig wort
 Linaria cymbularia, ivy-leaved toad flax
 Veronica becca bunga, brooklime

CAPRIFOLIACEÆ.

- Viburnum lantana, wayfaring tree (mealy Guelder rose)
 „ opulus, Guelder rose

VIOLACEÆ.

- Viola canina, dog violet
 „ palustris, marsh violet
 „ tricolour, pansy

VALERIANACEÆ.

- Fedia olitoria, lamb's lettuce

LEGUMINOSÆ.

- Lotus corniculatus, bird's foot trefoil
 Orobus tuberosus, bitter vetch
 Ulex Europæus, gorse
 Trifolium minus, lesser clover
 Cystius, broom
 Genista Anglica, petty whin
 Ornithopus perpusillus, bird's foot
 Trifolium fileforme, slender clover
 Hippocrepis comosa, horse-shoe vetch
 Vicia sativa, common vetch
 „ hirsuta, vetch (tare)
 Trifolium repens, Dutch clover
 „ pratense, meadow clover
 „ album, Dutch clover
 Anthyllis vulneraria, kidney vetch

ORCHIDACEÆ.

- Orchis masculata, early purple orchis
- Aceras anthropophora, man orchis
- Listera ovata, twayblade
- Orchis muscigera, fly orchis
- „ masculata, spotted orchis
- Cephalanthera magus, white hilleborine

GRAMINEÆ.

- Melica uniflora, wood melick grass
- Poa annua, annual meadow grass
- Aira, wavey aira
- Cynosurus cristatus, dog's tail grass
- Bromus sterilis, barren broom
- Lestuca ovina, sheep's rescue grass
- Calamagrostis, small reed
- Agrostis alba, common agrostis
- Alopecurus geniculatus, foxtail
- Briza media, quaking grass
- Poa distans, reflexed poa

GERMIACEÆ.

- Geranium molle, dove's foot geranium

ARALIACEÆ.

- Adoxa muscatel, adoxa

RUBIACEÆ.

- Asperula odorata, sweet wood-ruff
- Galium aparine, goose grass
- „ cruciata, cross wort
- Rubia peregrina, field madder
- Galium mollugo, hedge galium

EUPHORBIACEÆ.

- Buxus sempervirens, box
- Euphorbia amygdaloides, woodspurge

CALLITRICHACEÆ.

- Callitriche aquatica, water star wort

GYMNOSPERM.

- Equistum telmotum, giant horse-tail

CARYOPHYLLACEÆ.

- Lychnis album, white campion
- Arenaria ulignosa, bog starwort
- „ serpyllifolia, thyme-leaved sandwort
- Moenchia erecta, upright moenchia

- Arenaria trinervis, three-nerved sand wort
- Stellana holosteæ, stitchwort
- Lychnis diurna, red campion
- Lychnis album, white campion
- Cerastium arvense, field chickweed
- Silene conica, corn campion

CISTACEÆ.

- Helianthemum vulgare, rock rose

CUCURBITACEÆ.

- Bryonica dioica, white bryony

PAPAVERACEÆ.

- Chelidonium majus, greater celandine
- Papaver rhæas, rough poppy

RESEDACEÆ.

- Reseda, cut-leaved mignonette

LABIATÆ.

- Calamintha clinopodium, hedge calamint

SAXIFRAGACEÆ.

- Saxifraga granulata, meadow saxifrage

LINACEÆ.

- Linum catharticum, cathartic flax

BORAGINACEÆ.

- Symphytum officinale, comfrey

APOCYNACEÆ.

- Vinca major, periwinkle

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- Ilex, holly
 - Pinus sylvestris, fir
 - Fumaria officinalis, fumitory
 - Hedge parsley
 - Crested dog's-tail
 - Wood sorrel, oxalis
 - Alyssum calcinum, yellow alyssum